

REMARKS**Title**

The title has been objected to as not descriptive. The title has been amended in a manner suggested by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-5, 7-14, 16 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,150,223 ("Chem") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,976,991 ("Laxman"). Claims 15, 18, and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chem in view of Laxman, in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,233,597 ("Miles"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections in view of the amendment because the cited references do not disclose or suggest all the limitations of any pending claims, as the following analysis shows.

Independent claims 1 and 11 each recite forming the first silicon oxide film at a temperature within a specified range and forming the silicon nitride film at a different temperature that is in a different specified range. Although claims 1 and 11 before this amendment included the possibility of different temperatures, an overlap at exactly 580 degrees also permitted the two temperatures to be the same. The current amendment excludes the possibility of the two temperatures being the same. Although some of the cited references allow a range of temperatures to be used, none of the cited references disclose or suggest the use of two exclusively different temperatures for forming the two

layers on the same device.

Claims 2-5, 7-10 depend from claim 1, while claims 12-19 depend from claim 11, and therefore contain the same limitations not disclosed or suggested by the cited references.

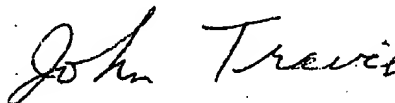
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and a notice of allowance by the Examiner is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to help expedite any further prosecution of the present application. In any fee deficiency or overpayment is found, the Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or to charge any fee deficiency under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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